

Title 7 Chapter 16 §121. Requiring the Reporting of Contagious Diseases

A. In order to improve the protection of the animals and poultry populations from the effects of contagious diseases, all veterinarians licensed in the state of Louisiana are required to report to the State Veterinarian, by telephone, fax, or electronic mail within 24 hours after diagnosis or tentative diagnosis, the occurrence or suspected occurrence of the following contagious diseases or symptoms: including but not limited to classical swine fever (hog cholera), anthrax, vesicular conditions, all equine encephalomyelitis conditions, transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (including chronic wasting disease, scrapie, bovine spongiform encephalopathy), pseudorabies (Aujeszky's Disease), tuberculosis, brucellosis, rabies, Newcastle disease and other paramyxovirus infections, avian influenza (highly pathogenic), ornithosis (chlamydiosis, psittacosis), salmonellas (pullorum disease or fowl typhoid), infectious laryngotracheitis (other than vaccine induced), any disease classified by USDA as a foreign animal disease, or any other disease condition which may seriously threaten the welfare of the animal and poultry populations of this state.

A comprehensive list of all diseases that *must* be reported to Federal (Area Veterinarian in Charge, 225-389-0436, State (State Veterinarian 225-925-3980) and Local (parish animal control or local sheriff) officials to prevent the spread of the disease can be found at the following sites: The United States Department of Agriculture Animal Plant Health Inspection Services Veterinary Services (USDA APHIS VS) http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/, the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) www.oie.int and the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) www.usaha.org Web sites provide information about each of these diseases.